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Additional Local.

Pingree & Smith, the Detroit shoe manufacturers, have just received the bronze medal and diploma awarded them as the highest premium for their exhibit of shoes at the World's Columbian Exposition. This is the only shoe manufacturing firm in Michigan to be so honored. Their exhibit was one of the finest in the show and leather building.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Alcumback, 24; Mettie Anderson, 16, both of Covert.

New Suits.

Israel White vs. Jennie P. Steele et al.; foreclosure. Heckert & Chandler.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Follow is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending July 7:

Estate of Stephen Long, deceased; final account; hearing August 3.

In the matter of Hannah Keazy et al., minors; letters of guardianship issued to Rhoda K. Byrum.

Estate of Harriet Bonbright, deceased; petition for appointment of administrator; hearing July 27.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the register's office during the past week:

W. E. Trowbridge to H. R. Gage; n w q s w q 5 Geneva; \$2000.

Julia A. Baker to L. M. Taylor; lot vil Breedsville; \$300.

Solomon Suits to Isaac Bennett; s h n s h n e q 29 Covert; \$200.

A. S. Packard to G. C. Monroe et al; lots 1, 3 Covert; \$1100.

R. H. Abbott to S. N. Thomas; s w q 6 and n q w q 7 Hamilton; \$1.

Nathan Hulbert to Carrie Colby; n 20 s w h s w q 32 Paw Paw; \$600.

Jas. Drowley to N. B. Rowe; lots 7, 8 blk 20 Bitely's add Lawton; \$500.

"I had sores on my face and arms. I took four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I now have a good appetite, the sores are healed, and I am better in every way." Erma Nickerson, box 172, Bloomingdale, Mich.

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Republican Policy in Admitting Western States.

Several years ago, the republican party, believing itself under the practical necessity of admitting North and South Dakota and the territory of Washington, surprised the country by going further and admitting also Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. More recently, upon the urgent advice of leading republican politicians, Utah has been accepted. It was believed that no matter how solidly democratic the South might remain, and no matter how adverse might be the fortunes of the republican party in the doubtful or variable states of the east, the republican control of the senate would be certainly assured for a long period of years by virtue of republican success in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. But what has been the result of this piece of party policy upon the position of the republican party itself? If it had not been for the representation of these new states in the United States senate, congress last winter would have passed the Dingley bill for the relief of the revenues. These very states which were relied upon to perpetuate the republican control of the senate are now promising to hold the balance of power in the senate in such a way as to make it impossible for the republicans to enact any monetary or revenue laws for some years to come, even though McKinley should be triumphantly elected and the house of representatives should continue to have as large a republican majority as it contains to-day.

—From "The Progress of the World," in the Review of Reviews for July.

Among the Churches.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. H. W. Harvey.
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FREE BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. M. S. Waller.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. F. W. Corbett.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. N. C. Brundage.
Regular services at each of above churches:
Sunday morning sermon at 10:30. Sunday schools at 12, young people's meetings at 6:30, evening sermons at 7:30 except at the Church of Christ, where there are Sunday evening sermons only on special announcement. Prayer meetings Thursday evenings at 7:30.
ST. MARY'S CHURCH—Rev. Fr. Wall.
Services 1st and 3rd Sunday in month. Holy communion at 7:00, high mass and sermon at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Mass in the chapel every morning at 7 o'clock.

The ladies of the First Baptist church—second division—will serve ice cream on Mrs. W. H. Mason's lawn, Saturday afternoon and evening.

There will be a business meeting of the endeavor society at the Disciple church immediately after the Thursday evening prayer meeting. A full attendance is desired.

Elder Brooks will occupy the pulpit at the Disciple church next Sunday morning. Come out and hear him; he will be 75 years old in a few days, and does not expect to preach a great many more sermons.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this head, we will publish from time to time communications on topics of public interest. All articles must be accompanied by the name of the writer. While willing to give publicity to the views of our readers, if suitable for publication, we do not pretend to sanction all that is printed in this column, and will make editorial comment when we see fit to do so.—Ed.]

Here's a Republican for You.

EDITOR TREE NORTHERNER:
Dear Sir:—Mayhap some of the people of old Van Buren County might worry lest we of this backwoods country are being led away from the principles of republicanism and following after pop gods. Nit. We are solid and still growing in grace. We are McKinleyites, clear through. We are not to be fooled longer by soft promises nor cheap dinner pails (empty), nor are we to be fooled by cheap, ignorant labor of Europe. Oh, no! We have had our fill, and now we want protection with a big P, sound money, and a way of earning it. We want the matter of finance left entirely alone until such time as it can be adjusted to the satisfaction of the whole people—not for a class of speculators in silver bullion. We remember the greenback of old, who was fooled into the democratic ranks, the patrons of industry, the farmers' alliance, and now the populist party—all travel the same road toward business depression, hard times and the kindred wrongs which the republican party has worked for over thirty years to right. We are sick of the continued harping of sore-headed office-seekers that "the party has left them." The fact is, they should be left, for they are and always have been a drag upon the party of progress.

Now, Mr. Editor, you have in your county the most depraved lot of officials in the state, according to that reform (?) sheet which must feel that it has a duty to perform. We had supposed the people of Van Buren were honest. We have always felt a pride in speaking of our native county; but how changed is everything! Men who for a lifetime have fooled everyone, until that great reformer came to Lawrence and adopted the war cry of a coterie of cranks who, to get a notice from the people, must tout their own horn which, though not musical, is loud and shrill. Now, Lawrence has a few, no doubt, who are tricksters; they are found in all localities; but for a paper to try to build a reputation upon the skeleton of a defunct issue is, to say the least, foolish. We believe in republicanism for reasons patent to all sound logic. Under the rule of that party was prosecuted a war of over four years, one of the bloodiest in history, incurring a bonded debt large enough to appal the people. With the wisdom of philosophers, a way was made whereby that debt could be paid without inordinately taxing the people. The resources of the country were developed; the people were prosperous, contented and happy; schools were founded, churches built, and all the blessings showered upon a people that could be wished for; labor was employed at remunerative wages, and we were considered the most enlightened and best situated people upon the face of the earth. But lo! a cry goes forth that labor should organize to protect itself from greedy monopolies! Agriculture should band its members into an army of bloodthirsty vandals to wage relentless warfare upon railroads, manufacturers, and in fact upon any and all industries and professions but that of agriculture! Then followed the P. I. and its kindred associations. Labor organizations have been led by unscrupulous and tricky leaders into the fold of the party of Davis and his associate wreckers of national prosperity and union.

We may be criticised by our friends the "pops" for our utterances as to this Wilson-Gorman-Cleveland-Carlisle combine—one of the most deadly poisonous to national prosperity known in the history of civilization. The upas tree destroys all within the reach of its poisonous shade; so has this bond-issuing, bank-wrecking, tramp-making combine. Our mills and factories closed, our farmers too poor to clothe and feed their families, decently men, women and children roaming the highways, begging of a people already hungry and naked, want and woe stalking abroad in this, the best of lands. What a picture! The blood of the murdered is upon their hands; the homes of the fallen are filled with their victims. The almshouses are filled, and why? But the people are awakening from their long sleep and demand other than hush, glittering promises of an era of cheapness. They want the people's friend, McKinley, for their leader in this crusade of reform. They want labor at fair wages. They are not clamoring for silver coinage, free and unlimited, but for a way to be provided whereby they can earn either silver, paper or gold, and can purchase necessities of American manufacture, made and produced by American labor, in American workshops and on American farms, or of non-produced foreign products conveyed hither by American merchants, in American built vessels, manned by American seamen paid a liberal wage for their labor, and we will once again become prosperous and happy.

Now, Mr. Editor, we feel as we speak. We have no sympathy with a people who will close their ears to sounds of harmony and be led blindfold into a pit dug by democracy and in which the bones of many a deluded mortal are bleaching. To our friends the "pops," we would say, "Continue in your course and you will end as did the frog that tried to increase its size to that of the cow by drinking water."

Benzie County will give a great big republican majority, and will assist its sister Van Buren in trying to make Ed. A. Wilkey auditor general of our glorious state of Michigan. We will not get fooled again soon.

Hoping for Protection, Reciprocity and Prosperity, we remain as ever, republican clear through.

ELMORE S. NORTHRUP.
Thompsonville, Mich.

Mr. Crane Wins.

The NORTHERNER, at the time of the decision of the circuit court in the case of Cynthia A. Van Deusen vs. Frank E. Ingraham et al., published at length the finding of the court. The case was one growing out of the mortgage forgeries of the late Geo. E. Breck. Mrs. Van Deusen holding the genuine note and mortgage, while on the records it was discharged by Breck. The circuit court held that Mr. Breck was the agent of Mrs. Van Deusen and that payment to him was valid. The supreme court has reversed the decision. Mr. E. A. Crane of Kalamazoo, in a statement to the NORTHERNER concerning his connection with the case, says: "This is one of the strongest cases that I know of growing out of the Breck matters, yet you will notice the supreme court holds that Crane & Breck were in no sense the agents of Mrs. Van Deusen, the mortgagee. In the face of this opinion from the supreme court, it would seem as though people ought to be satisfied. I consider that it completely exonerates me and amounts to holding that the people who carelessly deposited their money with Mr. Breck without taking up their mortgages or seeing it indorsed, will have to be the losers." The opinion, written by Judge Hooker, the other justices concurring, was as in substance as follows:

Crane and Breck, lawyers and co-partners, respectively resided at Kalamazoo and Paw Paw. They engaged somewhat in the business of negotiating loans. Early in 1889, Bushnell and Ingraham applied to Breck for a loan of one thousand five hundred dollars. Breck informed Crane, and he spoke to Dr. Van Deusen, the complainant's husband, who gave him encouragement that his wife would take the loan. Crane thereupon wrote to Breck, as follows: "If I understand you correctly, those parties west of Bertram are to come in next week to make their papers. I think we will be safe in making them to Mrs. Van Deusen, as I think they will have the money by the time it will be necessary. I shall want the insurance and everything in good shape when I present them."

Breck caused the parties to execute the mortgage to give him explanation, and it was recorded. It was acknowledged January 11th, and was delivered through Crane. The mortgage secured two notes, one of \$1,500 running to the complainant, and the other for \$75 running to Crane & Breck, as their commission for negotiating the loan.

The interest of Crane & Breck was never assigned to the complainant. Dr. Van Deusen, who acted as agent of his wife, knew that the mortgage secured the note for \$75. Dr. Van Deusen had the custody of the mortgage and the \$1,500 note and Crane seems to have held the \$75 note.

It appears that the Van Deusens had previously loaned money upon application made through Crane & Breck. Dr. Van Deusen knew that they were partners, and had an office contiguous to Crane's office, and kept papers in Crane's safe. Among them was this mortgage. Crane had access to the compartment in which they were kept. Interest was paid to Breck, who forwarded it to Crane, who turned the complainant's share over to Dr. Van Deusen. Crane indorsing the same upon the notes.

A time before the mortgage matured, Ingraham and Bushnell approached Breck about a new loan, at a lower rate of interest. Breck appears to have written to Crane about it, who said: "So far as Ingraham-Bushnell mortgage is concerned, it is useless to talk about getting money at less than seven per cent net to the mortgagee. I suppose they are paying us a commission note in addition to that. I can do nothing for them, as I certainly will not be annoyed by attending to these collections for anything less than we have been getting."

Subsequently, Crane and Breck met Ingraham, who testified that Crane said "I don't think the parties will do it," meaning to decrease the rate of interest.

Ingraham thereafter arranged with Wiggins for a loan from a fund which he held for Mrs. Fuller and her children, and Wiggins sent a check to the First National Bank of Paw Paw. The business was done with Breck at his office. Breck called at the bank and told the cashier that he had discharged the mortgage, and obtained the money. Breck mailed to Ingraham the \$75 note (which he obtained from Crane) and what purported to be the \$1,500 note, and discharged the mortgage by signing an acknowledgment of full payment of the same, in the margin of the record.

He sent \$72 to Crane, who paid it to Van Deusen and endorsed it on complainant's note. Breck converted the balance, which was not discovered until after his death, in 1894.

In our opinion, the testimony fails to show that Crane & Breck were agents of complainant. They obtained the loan for Ingraham and Bushnell, who paid them for it, by a note for \$75. Interest was paid Van Deusen through them, but it does not appear that Van Deusen paid for or requested it, and Crane's letter indicates that he understood that the mortgage was paid for the service by the \$75 note when he refused to do it for less.

The decree of the circuit court is reversed and the complainant will take a decree as prayed in the bill, with costs of both courts.

Grant J. did not sit; the other justices concurred.

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SAYING GRACE.

Little Fay had accepted an invitation to dine with her little friend May. And when dinner was done, And they went out to run, Fay asked in an innocent way: "What was it your papa was saying this noon When you folded your hands, just so, And sat up so straight, And bowed to your plate? I couldn't quite hear him, you know," Said May, "He was just saying 'Thank you' to God For giving us food every day." "Oh!" said Fay, with surprise And with wide open eyes, "My papa for ours has to say!" —M. L. Wyatt in American Kitchen Magazine.

THE PLANET MARS.

Both Chemically and Physically It Is Very Like the Earth.

Year after year when politics cease from troubling there recurs the question as to the existence of intelligent, sentient life on the planet Mars. The last outcrop of speculation grew from the discovery by M. Javelle of a luminous projection on the southern edge of the planet. The light was peculiar in several respects, and among other interpretations it was suggested that the inhabitants of Mars were flashing messages to the conjectured inhabitants of the sister planet Earth. No attempt at reply was made. Indeed supposing our astronomer royal, with our best telescope, transported to Mars, a red riot of fire running athwart the whole of London would scarce be visible to him. The question remains unanswered, probably unanswerable.

There is no doubt that Mars is very like the earth. Its days and nights, its summers and winters differ only in their relative lengths from ours. It has land and oceans, continents and islands, mountain ranges and inland seas. Its polar regions are covered with snow, and it has an atmosphere and clouds, warm sunshine and gentle rains. The spectroscopic, that subtle analyst of the most distant stars, gives us reason to believe that the chemical elements familiar to us here exist on Mars. The planet, chemically and physically, is so like the earth that, as protoplasm, the only living material we know, came into existence on the earth, there is no great difficulty in supposing that it came into existence on Mars. If reason be able to guide us, we know that protoplasm, at first amorphous and unintegrated, has been guided on this earth by natural forces into that marvelous series of forms and integrations we call the animal and vegetable kingdoms. Why, under the similar guiding forces on Mars, should not protoplasm be the root of as fair a branching tree of living beings and bear as fair a fruit of intelligent, sentient creatures? —London Saturday Review.

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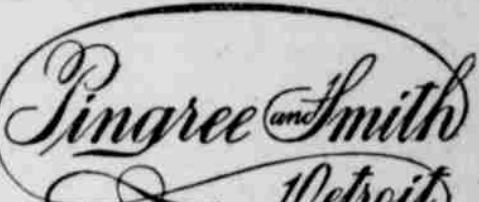
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